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REMARKS

Applicants have amended claims 1 and 12. Thus, claims 1, 2, 4 and 11-15 are presented for examination. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Response to rejections under Section 112:

All claims stand rejected for failing to comply with the enablement requirement of 35 USC 112, first paragraph. Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 12 accordingly. Those claims now each include the term *local Intranet address* instead of *not visible on the internet*. The term *local Intranet address* is explicitly disclosed in the specification paragraph [0009]. The applicants believe that such term better describes the meaning of *not visible on the internet*, avoids any ambiguity and therefore overcomes the lack of enablement rejection.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Section 112 rejections.

Response to rejections under Section 102 and 103:

The Examiner rightfully states that the "invisibility on the internet" of the client is a novel component as regarded by the applicants.

As applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 12 to clarify how such "invisibility" translates into positive claim limitations (local Intranet address and connection to a proxy computer), they now believe claims 1 and 12 (and the related dependent claims) to be in good shape for allowance.

Neither Mohammed et al. nor Baird et al. nor Horstmann et al. disclose such feature or function of the clients:

The clients disclosed in the cited references are "real" internet clients having a unique Internet IP address (as opposed to a only locally valid, non-visible Intranet address), and are therefore visible on the Internet. Such clients do not even require use of the present invention to establish an "active" data connection to a client which is not visible on the Internet (as those clients are visible on the internet).

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Section 102 and 103 rejections.

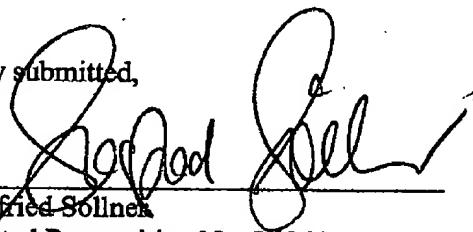
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Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections and timely pass the application to allowance. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d) for total independent claims in excess of 3, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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